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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2671

Ronald D. Larson

Confirmation No.: 9221

Serial No.: 09/172,389

Examiner: K. Nguyen

Filed: October 14, 1998

Docket No.: 10981013-1

For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UPDATING A HIERARCHICAL Z BUFFER**

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 41.50(b)(1)**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.50(b)(1) Applicant submits the following amendments to claims 1, and 4 – 10 and remarks to address the new grounds of rejection entered by the Board. Applicant further submits a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and enters new claims 21 – 26.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6.

**Remarks** begin on page 11.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no fee is required for consideration of this paper beyond those provided for in the attached transmittal. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.